GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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LOSSES IN POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Post Offices in the country are running in losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof,State-wise;

(c) whether some of these Post Offices have been closed;

(d) if so, the details thereof,State-wise;

(e) the average number of Post Offices in the rural areas of the country on the basis of population and area; and

(f) the number of total Post Offices in the rural and tribal dominated areas and the percentage of these Post Offices as compared to the total number of Post Offices in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Circle-wise details are enclosed.

(c) As per policy,no post office is closed down on the basis of financial loss.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) On an average, a post office in the country, serves an area of 21.2 sq. Kms and population of 7174.

(f) Number of post offices located in rural including tribal areas is 1,39,174.This comprises 89% of the total network.